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SUBJ: TRAVEL RESTRICTION BY GOC AND TFSC

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1. IF DEPARTMENT PERCEIVES NO OBJECTION, EMBASSY PROPOSES FOLLOWING ADVICE BE TRANSMITTED TO INTERESTED AREA POSTS.

2. AMCITS PLANNING TO TRAVEL TO CYPRUS SHOULD BE INFORMED THAT TRAVEL BETWEEN THE AREAS CONTROLLED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF CYPRUS (SOUTHERN PART OF ISLAND) AND THE "TURKISH FEDERATED STATE OF CYPRUS, TFSC", (NORTHERN PART) IS DIFFICULT. GENERALLY, NEITHER AREA WILL ADMIT TRAVELERS BEARING PASSPORT SHOWING AN ENTRY STAMP ISSUED BY THE OPPOSITE AUTHORITY. SYSTEM OF USING TWO PASSPORTS TO CIRCUMVENT RESTRICTION IS NOT LONGER EFFECTIVE.

3. POINTS OF ENTRY DECLARED LEGAL BY THE GOVERNMENT OF CYPRUS ARE: LIMASSOL, LARNACA, PAPHOS SEAPORTS AND LARNACA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT. ALL OTHER POINTS OF ENTRY IN CYPRUS, I.E., THOSE IN TURKISH CONTROLLED AREAS, HAVE BEEN DECLARED ILLEGAL.

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4. POINTS OF ENTRY DECLARED LEGAL BY TFSC ARE: FAMAGUSTA,

KYRENIA, KARAVOSTASSI SEA PORTS AND ERCAN STATE AIRPORT (FORMERLY KNOWN AS TYMBOU). ALL OTHER POINTS OF ENTRY IN CYPRUS, I.E., THOSE IN GOVERNMENT OF CYPRUS CONTROLLED AREA, ARE CONSIDERED ILLEGAL.

5. TURKISH AUTHORITIES ARE IMPOSING THEIR RESTRICTIONS INTERMITTENTLY, AND EMBASSY IS USUALLY ABLE TO OBTAIN ADMITTANCE FOR AMCITS INADVERTENTLY ENTERING CYPRUS THROUGH SOUTHERN PORTS. CONVERSE IS NOT TRUE. INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE OBTAINED "VISA" IN MERSIN, TURKEY, AND ARRIVE VIA TFSC PORTS OF ENTRY ARE EFFECTIVELY CONFINED TO THE NORTHERN PART OF THE ISLAND. THEY WILL NOT BE ADMITTED INTO THE GOVERNMENT OF CYPRQS CONTROLLED AREA AND WILL EXPERIENCE GREAT DIFFICULTY IN CONTACTING THE EMBASSY FOR ASSISTANCE.

6. ALTHOUGH EMBASSY NOT IN POSITION TO RECOMMEND THAT AMCITS OBTAIN MERSIN "VISA", WE RECOGNIZE THAT PRACTICAL CONSIDERATIONS FACING PROPERTY OWNERS IN TURKISH CONTROLLED AREA MAY NECESSITATE THIS COURSE OF ACTION.

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